



Lacey Library Board Meeting Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Thursday, October 16, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Land Acknowledgement

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of June 12, 2025

6. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

7. Agenda Items

A. Welcome: Lacey Youth Council Representative Luka Froehlich

Scott Robinson, Chair

B. Library Manager Report

Kristina Hancock, Library Manager

C. Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates and Election of Officers

Scott Robinson, Chair

D. Good of the Order

Scott Robinson, Chair

8. Adjourn

Attendance and Public Comment

Attend Remote or In-Person

The public may attend the meeting in-person, or you may view or listen to the meeting using one of the following platforms:

In-Person	Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
Zoom:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Vcd_m47vRISb25ArSxW4bA
Website:	https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/cityoflacey
YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BO_IGrMTQNQ
Cable:	Channel 77 with your local cable provider
Phone:	(888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 895 1492 4879)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the City
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

Those wishing to provide verbal public comment may do so in-person or by Zoom:

In-Person:	Use the sign-up sheet located in the Council Chambers.
Zoom:	Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Vcd_m47vRISb25ArSxW4bA

Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

Written Public Comment

Public comments may also be submitted by email to LibraryBoard@cityoflacey.org. The commenting period will close two hours before the meeting time. Written comments will be provided to the Board electronically prior to the meeting. Comments will not be addressed during the meeting; however, comments received will be added to the official record.



Lacey Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Robinson, Chair and Board Members Oz Annwn, Sharla Desy, Pam Nelson

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Amy Blondin, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner; Kristina Hancock, Library Manager; Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk; and Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Robinson presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member Annwn moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Nelson seconded. The motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of the April 17, 2025, meeting minutes

Chair Robinson noted a correction to the minutes under the 2025 Meeting Calendar item. The date should read Thursday, June 12, rather than Friday, June 12.

Board Member Desy moved to approve the minutes, as amended. Board Member Annwn seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Comment

No one registered to speak in person or remotely, and no written public comments were received.

7. Agenda Items

A. Lacey Metropolitan Park District Presentation

Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner

Wilson presented information on the Lacey Metropolitan Park District (MPD). Proposition 1 is a ballot measure scheduled for the August 5, 2025, election, for registered voters within the Lacey city limits, to create an MPD. Wilson provided an overview of park acreage and development, detailed how Lacey parks are funded, provided an overview of Lacey Parks programs and events, and detailed maintenance hours. Wilson presented two main priorities of the MPD: New Park Features and Expanded Maintenance, and detailed several potential projects.

B. Library Manager Report

Kristina Hancock, Library Manager

Hancock provided the Library Board with an update covering March through May 2025. During this period, the Lacey Library branch hosted the Energize Thurston Program, and the Puget Sound Electric Company Library Pop-up. Hancock detailed workforce development programs, Impact Mountain Workforce Development - Opportunity Begins Here and the Learning Express Career Preparation database. Hancock briefed the Board on several programs, including: Book Babies, Toddler Time, Family Story Time, the Animal Allies Club, Rolling Story Time in partnership with InterCity Transit, and PNW Fungi Basics. Additional updates included Library Supervisor position updates, Summer Reading Program, the Tumwater Library's grand reopening on June 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. following a facility remodel, new checkout machines and catalog stations, and community events Polyfest and Capital City Pride. Monthly library statistics were also provided.

C. Good of the Order

Scott Robinson, Chair

The Board reported on books they are currently reading.

8. Adjourn

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



Library Manager's Report

June– September 2025

Presented by Kristina Hancock- Regional Manager of Lacey Timberland and Hawks Prairie.

Highlights

- Nicole Page has been promoted to the Library Supervisor position permanently. Her hours are Tuesday- Saturday 8:30-5:30pm
- Arynn Brady and Lore Mcdonald have been hired as full-time library assistants. Arynn began on September 30th. Lore will begin on November 18th. We are excited to be fully staffed.
- SLP had 2,541 participants between Lacey and Hawks Prairie.

Programs

- **Book Babies and Toddler Time**
- **Family Storytime**
- **Kids Graphic Novel Club**
- **Teen Creative Club**
- **Animal Allies Club**
- **BINGO at the Library!**
- **Sewing Club**
- **Neurodivergent Teen Book Club**
- **Tales & Tails: A Senior Storytime with Therapy Dogs Willow & Dakota**
- **Brave & Balanced: Youth Yoga**
- Preschool Learn to Ride a Bike
- Talk Time: English Conversation Circle
- Sensory-inclusive Play Group

*Programs in bold monetarily supported by Friends funds.

Lacey Library Updates

- We are awaiting confirmation from the city on the closing dates for the HVAC replacement. If this project proceeds this year, we will also complete the bathroom epoxy and restoration work, in partnership with Great Floors and our TRL Facilities team, to address the current odor issue. If the city's project is postponed to the next budget cycle, we will still schedule a 10-day closure to complete the bathroom improvements before the new year.
- We are very appreciative that the city provided the Lacey Library with an AED. It is in the foyer by the display case.
- The Reptile Lady came to the Lacey Library on Wednesday, October 1st. We had over 200 in attendance. Her 52-year-old tortoise, Spongebob ScalePants roamed the library while she showed off other reptiles.
- The Library Refresh set for 2026 has been pushed to September 2026. More to come in the following months.

TRL Updates

- The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) designated October as TeenTober month; a nationwide initiative aimed at celebrating teens and promoting year-round teen services in libraries.

How We are Meeting our 2025-2029 Strategic Direction Initiatives:

Empower People to Adapt and Thrive in the Digital Age

Share Our Story

- Director, Cheryl Heywood met with Kyle Rogers, Executive Director of **South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)** representing 5 tribes in the 5-county region: Skokomish, Nisqually, Chehalis, Squaxin Island, Shoalwater Bay to discuss TRL services, programs, resources for elders, youth and workforce development. Kyle will be sharing TRL information to many people throughout the region. Kyle and Cheryl will be meeting quarterly.

- **Thurston County Public Health and Social Services** staff approached TRL to participate in a mini campaign on belonging further extending our shared work around social connection, fostering a sense of belonging in our community. The pilot idea is a “Belonging Wall” - there will be a space in Thurston County libraries with prompts such as “What makes you feel like you belong here?” or “What does belonging mean to you?” Patrons would write their responses. Lily is coordinating this special project which begins in December.
- Joe A. and Brenda M. from Anywhere Library will be attending the **ABOS (Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services)** convention in St. Louis, Missouri the week of October 7 and will be presenting a session on TRL’s outreach services and partnerships with local tribal communities.
- Anywhere Library will be hosting the **2025 OWWLS (Outreach Workers of Washington Library Systems)** on October 29 at the TRL Service Center. Library staff from several libraries around Washington meet to discuss and share outreach and mobile services practices as well as bringing some mobile vehicles to tour.

Support School-Age Youth

- Beginning October 21, Anywhere Library will have a public stop at the Toledo Community Library on the third Tuesday of each month. The stop is a collaborative effort between Lewis County’s Anywhere Library, TRL’s Lewis County Coordinating Librarian, Devon B., and staff of the Toledo Community Library. The intention is to expand TRL’s mobile services in the Toledo community, resume TRL programs at the library, and to help welcome and serve local youth.
- Cheryl met with Camp Thunderbird leaders to discuss ways TRL can bring library services to scouts and their families in 2026 – more to come.
- With Capital STEM Alliance, Thurston County Economic Development Council, PacMtn, and more, Cheryl is coordinating the December 9, 4:30-6 pm virtual event, working title: “Moving Forward Together: Youth Careers in Meat Packing in Rural Communities”

Statistics

June-September

Checkouts:

Lacey | June 2025

- Physical: 30,470
- Digital: 42,346
- 9% physical checkout increase from June 2024
- 10% digital checkout increase from June 2024

Hawks Prairie | June 2025

- Physical: 3,747
- Digital: 3,234
- 9% physical checkout increase from June 2024
- 73% digital checkout increase from June 2024

Lacey | July 2025

- Physical: 28,362
- Digital: 43,665
- 4 % physical checkout *decrease* from July 2024
- 14 % digital checkout increase from July 2024

Hawks Prairie | July 2025

- Physical: 3,592
- Digital: 3,615
- 3% physical checkout increase from July 2024
- 60% digital checkout increase from July 20

Lacey | August 2025

- Physical: 27,526
- Digital: 44,388
- 7.2% physical checkout *decrease* from August 2024
- 13% digital checkout increase from August 2024

Hawks Prairie | August 2025

- Physical: 3,991
- Digital: 3,641
- 6.7% physical checkout increase from August 2024
- 53% digital increase from August 2024

Lacey | September 2025

- Physical: 22,870
- Digital: 43,364
- 9.6% physical checkout *decrease* from September 2024
- 15% digital checkout increase from September 2024

Hawks Prairie | September 2025

- Physical: 3,197
- Digital: 3,401
- 9% physical checkout increase from September 2024
- 54% digital checkout increase from September 2024